

**Evening Prayer Friday in the Fifth Week of Easter, May 15, 2020**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

**O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

**Psalm 106: Part II** *Et fecerunt vitulum*

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, \*  
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,  
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

24 They refused the pleasant land \*  
and would not believe his promise.

25 They grumbled in their tents \*  
and would not listen to the voice of the LORD.

- 26 So he lifted his hand against them, \*  
to overthrow them in the wilderness,
- 27 To cast out their seed among the nations, \*  
and to scatter them throughout the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves to Baal-Peor \*  
and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.
- 29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, \*  
and a plague broke out among them.
- 30 Then Phinehas stood up and interceded, \*  
and the plague came to an end.
- 31 This was reckoned to him as righteousness \*  
throughout all generations for ever.
- 32 Again they provoked his anger at the waters of Meribah, \*  
so that he punished Moses because of them;
- 33 For they so embittered his spirit \*  
that he spoke rash words with his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the peoples \*  
as the LORD had commanded them.
- 35 They intermingled with the heathen \*  
and learned their pagan ways,
- 36 So that they worshiped their idols, \*  
which became a snare to them.
- 37 They sacrificed their sons \*  
and their daughters to evil spirits.
- 38 They shed innocent blood,  
the blood of their sons and daughters, \*  
which they offered to the idols of Canaan,  
and the land was defiled with blood.

39 Thus they were polluted by their actions \*  
and went whoring in their evil deeds.

40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against  
his people \*  
and he abhorred his inheritance.

41 He gave them over to the hand of the heathen, \*  
and those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies oppressed them, \*  
and they were humbled under their hand.

43 Many a time did he deliver them,  
but they rebelled through their own devices, \*  
and were brought down in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless, he saw their distress, \*  
when he heard their lamentation.

45 He remembered his covenant with them \*  
and relented in accordance with his great mercy.

46 He caused them to be pitied \*  
by those who held them captive.

47 Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations, \*  
that we may give thanks to your holy Name  
and glory in your praise.

48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting; \*  
and let all the people say, "Amen!"  
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*A reading from the Book of Leviticus.* Chapter 23 verses 1 through 22.

The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Say to the people of Israel, The appointed feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, my appointed feasts, are these. <sup>3</sup>Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work; it is a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.

<sup>4</sup>“These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, the holy convocations, which you shall proclaim at the time appointed for them. <sup>5</sup>In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, is the LORD’s passover. <sup>6</sup>And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to the LORD; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. <sup>7</sup>On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. <sup>8</sup>But you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD seven days; on the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.”

<sup>9</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>10</sup>“Say to the people of Israel, When you come into the land which I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest; <sup>11</sup>and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, that you may find acceptance; on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. <sup>12</sup>And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>13</sup>And the cereal offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, to be offered by fire to the LORD, a pleasing odor; and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. <sup>14</sup>And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

<sup>15</sup>“And you shall count from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven full weeks shall they be, <sup>16</sup>counting fifty days to the morrow after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a cereal offering of new grain to the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall bring from your dwellings two loaves of bread to be waved, made of two tenths of an ephah; they shall be of fine flour, they shall be baked with leaven, as first fruits to the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And you shall present with the bread seven lambs a year old without blemish, and one young bull, and two rams; they shall be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their cereal offering and their drink offerings, an offering by fire, a pleasing odor to the LORD. <sup>19</sup>And you shall offer one male goat for a sin offering, and two male lambs a year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. <sup>20</sup>And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits as a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs; they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. <sup>21</sup>And you shall make proclamation on the same day; you shall hold a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work: it is a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

<sup>22</sup>“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field to its very border, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God.”

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**The Song of Mary** *Magnificat*

*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth \*  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

***A Reading from the gospel of Matthew. Chapter 7 verses 1 though 12***

“Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

<sup>6</sup>“Do not give dogs what is holy; and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under foot and turn to attack you.

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then,

who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**The Song of Simeon**    *Nunc dimittis*  
*Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Suffrages B**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*We entreat thee, O Lord.*

*The Officiant then says one or more Collects*

#### **Collect of the Day**

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:  
Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Fridays on p. 69

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in faith where thou hast led the way, that we may at length fall

asleep peacefully in thee, and awake up after thy likeness; for thy tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission on p. 71

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*I bid your personal prayers here.... [silence for a time].*

*Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.*

*Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*